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RESTRICTION OF RUBBER.

No Agreement Yet Reached.

PREMATURE RUMOUR.

London, Yesterday.
It is learned from authoritative circles in London, that no agreement has been signed relating to rubber restriction. Unofficial conversations have been proceeding, and certain progress made, but reports that a stage had been reached, where a definite agreement was concluded, are entirely premature.—Reuter.

JAPANESE CABINET RESIGNS.

Unchanged Policy to China.

GOLD BAN.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The Cabinet has resigned. The Premier left his official residence at 5.30 and proceeded to the Palace to tender the Cabinet's resignation. At least twenty-hours are expected to elapse before his successor is announced, but whatever form the new Cabinet takes it is generally considered certain that a gold ban will be imposed before the end of the year and that an unchanged policy towards China is likely. If the Seiyukai party are summoned to form a Cabinet it is expected that the foreign portfolio will be given to one of the Seiyukai leaders, but owing to the Seiyukai's minority in the Diet it is thought more likely that either a coalition or a re-organised Minseito Cabinet will be formed, in either of which cases it is possible Baron Shidehara will be re-appointed. According to well-informed circles one of the reasons for the advocacy of a coalition was the purpose of forestalling the possibility of a military dictatorship, as it was feared that the riotous scenes which anticipated at the coming session of the Diet if the Wakatsuki Government remained in power might soicken the masses, who are already disgruntled with the antics of the political parties, that they might welcome a dictatorship as a preferable alternative to the continuance of a party government.—Reuter.

INTERNATIONAL ROTARY PRESIDENT.

Far East Visit.

We read in a Malayan newspaper, that Mr. Sydney W. Pascall, the new President of Rotary International, is due on a visit to Malaya's Rotary Clubs early in April.
We imagine that he will find it convenient also to pay visits to the Hong Kong and Canton Rotary Clubs.

JAPANESE TROOP MOVEMENTS.

Mukden, Yesterday.

Traffic on the Peking-Mukden Railway was interrupted this morning on account of Japanese troop movements. There was a heavy snowstorm in Mukden today. A sharp fall of gold yen was experienced in the local market.—Reuter.

Tientsin, Yesterday.

It is learned that one company of Japanese artillery from the Japanese Confession were sent to Shanhaikwan yesterday evening.—Reuter.

CUNARD LINER

WORK STOPPED ON NEW VESSEL.

NOTICES POSTED
GOVERNMENT AND THE COMPANY.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The decision to suspend work on the 70,000-ton Cunarder, which will directly affect nearly 3,000 workers in Clyde shipyards and many more indirectly in industries providing equipment, was the subject of a statement by the President of the Board of Trade at question time in the House of Commons and of speeches by Clydeside members and others in a discussion on the adjournment.

Mr. Runciman, who was asked if Government would do anything in the matter, replied that the idea of direct Government assistance was out of the question, but if the Cunard Company had any proposals to make Government would give them most serious consideration. Government's hope was that circumstances would permit the building of the ship to be resumed before long.

The Chairman of the Cunard Company in a statement to-day indicated desire of the ship with which they hoped to regain the "Blue Riband" of the Atlantic at the earliest moment possible. Meantime, the ship will remain on the stocks and is unlikely to suffer damage thereby.

Notice was posted in the yards to-day stating that all workers would be paid off to-night.—British Wireless Service.

Disappointment.

Rugby, Yesterday.
A decision of the directors of the Cunard Company to suspend work on their giant new liner now under construction at Clydebank has been received with intense disappointment throughout the country.

The 73,000-ton vessel, which was estimated to cost £4,500,000, was due for launching next May, and with it the Cunard Company hoped to regain the blue riband of the Atlantic, which for twenty years they held with the Mauretania. About 3,000 men have been directly employed on the construction of the ship, apart from those engaged in the associated industries providing the equipment.

Reasons.

The reasons prompting the decision were announced in a document sent to shareholders in the company last night, which stated that the international crisis has changed the whole financial background of the methods under which the company's ship construction policy was based.

Discussed in the House.
The company's decision was the main topic of discussion in the lobbies of the House of Commons last night, and the matter was raised by the Clydeside members during the closing stages of the debate on the vote of censure, and a statement on behalf of the Government by the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Walter Runciman, was promised to-day.

This was made in reply to a question by Mr. Kirkwood.

Mr. Runciman said that the Board of Trade were informed confidentially, some days ago, that the Cunard Company considered it necessary to suspend building for the present. The reason given by the company was that this year, for the first time for many years, the company had been unable to earn the depreciation on its old ships. It had been the practice to finance the construction of new ships by making use of bill market finance, and re-

STERLING MAKES GOOD RECOVERY.

Effect of Chancellor's Speech.

SHARP RALLY.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Sterling improved on the foreign exchange to-day and in the stock markets there was a sharp rally in British funds. Movements are generally attributed to yesterday's optimistic statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on budget prospects.—British Wireless Service.

COOLER.

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory at 10.40 a.m. to-day states:—

A strong anti-cyclone has formed over N.E. China, and a depression over N.E. Japan. Forecast:—N. wind, fresh, fair; cooler.

POLISH MINISTER IN LONDON.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Polish Foreign Minister, M. Zaleski, who has been in London since Wednesday night, yesterday saw the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary. He was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace to-day.—British Wireless Service.

CHAUFFEUR AND BOTTLES OF WINE.

Lai Choi-man, a chauffeur employed by the Japanese Consul at 16, Conduit Road, was charged before Mr. E. H. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning, with unlawful possession of eight bottles of Chinese wine, on which duty had not been paid. He pleaded guilty, stating that they were sold to him.

Sub-Inspector D. W. Barnett said defendant was arrested in Conduit Road yesterday by an Indian Police Sergeant, who saw him take six bottles out of the car, and then two more later. The Inspector remarked that the wine was mostly bought up from unknown Chinese in Ice House Street.

His Worship, after pointing out to defendant the risk he was taking in buying wine from unknown persons, imposed a fine of \$30.

paying those liabilities out of the earnings set aside annually to cover the normal depreciation, and partly out of the earnings of the ship responsible during the first few years of her operation.

The consequences of suspension were realised, but no stone had been left unturned by those concerned in avoiding it.

The question of direct Government assistance was not raised, and if it had been raised he feared it would not have been possible to give financial assistance in this case.

The Cunard Company was building this ship out of its own resources, and the only assistance asked for from the Government was in respect of the insurance, and this was given with the approval of Parliament.

"The suspension of work on the vessel is very much to be regretted, but I am afraid any idea of direct Government financial assistance is out of the question, and we can only hope that circumstances will permit its building before long. I would like to add that all bills of exchange given on this ship will be paid off as they mature, out of the company's own liquid resources, which are ample for the purpose."

Answering further questions, Mr. Runciman said if the company had any proposals to make, they would be most carefully considered by the Government.—British Wireless Service.

OTTAWA I. E. C.

MR. THOMAS'S STATEMENT

IMPERIAL UNITY
CONFERENCE MUST SUCCEED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Replying on the debate on adjournment in the House of Commons, the Dominions Minister, Mr. Thomas made a statement regarding the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa to which he said Government attached great importance. Failure must not be contemplated. It would be disastrous. Therefore, detailed and careful preparation must be made in advance.

The interests of no two Dominions were the same. The main contribution which the United Kingdom could make was to help the Dominions regarding foodstuffs, while the most important—indeed only—factor so far as Britain was concerned was what the Dominions could do with regard to manufactured articles from Britain. Difficult as the problems were he believed that with the single-minded desire to advance Imperial unity, success would result. A Cabinet sub-committee, with the aid of experts, was engaged on hammering out details.

Referring to statements made on behalf of Government that no comments would be made which would hamper free discussion at Ottawa and the fact that the Dominions were exempted from recent anti-dumping legislation, Mr. Thomas said these were great contributions evidencing the anxiety of Government to ensure the success of the conference.

With regard to the wheat quota, he announced that Government had decided, subject to satisfactory arrangement being made and subject to a genuine quid pro quo, to offer to the Dominions at Ottawa a guaranteed quota of wheat.

No one who was at the last Imperial Conference would minimise the value of that to the Dominions. Price and other details would be hammered out with them and with the millers at home. Sacrifices could not all be on one side. They might be called upon to give up ideals and fiscal views long held. Let that be remembered and let all parties enter the conference not in a spirit of seeing what they could get out of it but what they could give.—British Wireless Service.

DISPERSED WITH TEAR GAS BOMBS.

Hankow, Yesterday.

Chinese soldiers this morning attempted to board the Yangtze Rapids motor vessel Ifung, which was alongside the Bund preparing to depart for Shanghai.
American sailors from a gunboat lying nearby proceeded to the scene and dispersed the soldiers with teargas bombs.—Reuter.

WATERLOGGED JUNK.

Danger To Navigation.

The master of the s.s. Tean has reported that whilst the ship was at sea yesterday, bound for Hong Kong, she passed a waterlogged junk in Lat. 22.42 N., Long. 116.02 E. It is a danger to navigation.
This is probably the same wreck which was sighted by the master of the s.s. Hirundo on Thursday. He reported it as a derelict junk with mast above water, and gave its position as approximately Lat. 19.54 N., Long. 113.23 E.

PARLIAMENT STANDS ADJOURNED.

Important Cabinet Meetings.

FISCAL POLICY.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Parliament to-day adjourned for the Christmas recess.
The motion for adjournment provides for reassembly on February 21 unless the Speaker, in consultation with Government, considers that an earlier meeting is required in the public interest.

Next week a series of Cabinet meetings, the first of which was held in the Prime Minister's room at the House of Commons this afternoon, will be devoted to the study of proposals which Government will bring before Parliament next year. It is likely there will be morning and afternoon sessions each day. It is understood the fiscal policy of Government will be under discussion.—British Wireless Service.

"MISS HOOK OF HOLLAND."

Local Players Achieve Success.

GOOD SHOW.

In spite of the fact that the story has little or no plot our local amateur players have once again triumphed, this time with "Miss Hook of Holland," which will rank among the many successful productions in the history of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society.

The story centres around the love affairs of Sally Hook, and the losing of the recipe for the wonderful drink "Cream of the Skies," which has made a fortune for Mr. Hook, and it is this unprepossessing material that the players have succeeded in converting into real entertainment.

Mr. G. W. McLeod, in the role of Mr. Hook, takes premier honours, and with true characterisation he lives the part he plays, although not until the second act done we see him at his best, when at the distillery in Amsterdam he emerges from the cellar.

No less successful are Messrs. S. A. Sweet, V. C. Labrum, and the Society's latest recruit, Mr. C. Reg. Anderson, who, with his magnificent tenor voice, is an outstanding figure in the cast. Probably the most difficult role is that of Van Eck, (Mr. S. A. Sweet), who utters no lines and makes but few movements, and yet conveys to the audience a typical person. He is certainly one of the real characters, both in movement and manner.

To Mr. Labrum is entrusted the bulk of the humour, and it is sufficient to say that he is just Labrum, and gets more out of poor material than one would think possible. Mr. T. R. Rowell as Ludwig Schrappe, the foreman of the distillery, gives a convincing tone to the whole performance, in addition to sharing the vocal honours of the evening.
Sally in the title role, is played by Miss Doris Bellby, and we can only say that she is one of the most attractive and clever players we have seen on our local amateur stage. With her sweet voice and delightful mannerisms she wins her way to the hearts of the audience. Not a wit less sweet is Mina (Anne Moodie), the maid who carries her part through with great effect.

As for the remainder of the cast, they give a faithful inter-

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END OF 1931 RACING SEASON

SITTING BULL A CAST-IRON CERTAINTY

PONIES WHICH SHOULD WIN

(BY WOMBAT).

Although conditions might not be as pleasant as at previous meetings, the 14th Extra Race Meeting of the H.K.J.C. will, no doubt, be well attended being the last race meeting of the current season.

A glance over the course early this morning convinces me that the track will be holding in places which should favour the lightly weighted ponies.

All going well, in the meantime, Sitting Bull appears to have the Hong Kong Autumn Champions at his mercy. He will only want to reproduce the form he showed at the last meeting to account for this rich prize, and so good a thing does he now appear that he will probably go to the post one of the hottest favourites of the day.

Although St. Moritz only just accounted for a place in the race for Australian ponies at the last meeting, the opposition in the Barrier Reef Handicap this afternoon isn't nearly as strong as that which the black pony was pitted against when last seen under colours, and all things considered this pony looks a sure thing this afternoon.

Taking a line from the wonderful showing Daylight Eve has made every time he has appeared he would look to be something to bet on in the Tardy Stakes over a mile distance.

The Nullah Plate should be an easy thing for Heliotrope Leaf as there are only four medium starters in this event.

Selections.

- 1st Race:—
King's Colour.
Bright Star.
Marquis Hall.
- 2nd Race:—
Daylight Eve.
Paul Pry.
Young Pretender.
- 3rd Race:—
Heliotrope Leaf.
Bronze Eves.
As You Like It.
- 4th Race:—
Sitting Bull.
Boxing Eve.
Glencagles.
- 5th Race:—
St. Moritz.
Thunderclap.
Floretta.
- 6th Race:—
The Grouse.
Fi Fa.
Scrappt.
- 7th Race:—
Chicow II.
Sunning.
Brown Eves.
- 8th Race:—
Imperial Hall.
Mount Elburn.
Orlando.

GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS.

Charges For Maintenance and Medical Treatment.

The scale of charges for medical treatment in Government Hospitals as from January 1, 1932, inclusive, will be as follows:—

	Daily Rates.		
	1st	2nd	3rd
Class	Class	Class	Class
Private patients	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Private patients (Asiatic on European diet)	—	—	3.00
Private patients (Asiatic not on European diet)	—	—	50
European lunatics, landed from ships on consular or ship's agent's guarantee	—	—	0.00
Asiatic lunatics, landed from ships on consular or ship's agent's guarantee—			
(a) On European diet	—	—	3.00
(b) Not on European diet	—	—	50
Lunatics sent in by Board of Trade:—			
(a) European and American	—	—	3.00
(b) Asiatic	—	—	50
Naval small-pox patients—Officers and men treated in Kennedy Town Hospital—\$2 a day.			
Children under twelve years of age are charged at half the foregoing rates in each class.			
Naval and military patients will be charged in accordance with the scale for "private patients."			
Proprietary medicines or drugs not contained in the British Pharmacopoeia will be charged for if supplied by the Government. Private patients, other than Government or Naval or Military patients, charged 1st or 2nd class daily rates for maintenance, will be subject to the following additional charges:—			
(1)—For medical attendance, a charge at the rate of one third of the rate for maintenance.			
(2)—For surgical operations:—			
Major operations—\$50 (minimum)			

to \$600 (maximum) at the discretion of the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services.

Minor operations—\$25 (Minimum) to \$100 (maximum) at the discretion of the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services.

This charge will be in addition to the above charge for medical attendance.

(3)—For normal maternity cases, charges of \$200 and \$100 respectively, in lieu of the above charge for medical attendance.

Patients requiring a "Special" nurse will pay an additional charge of \$14 a day.

The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services has discretionary power to waive the additional charges.

Private patients in Government Hospitals (other than the Maternity Wards at the Victoria Hospital) will be attended by Government Medical Officers.

If in the case of a private patient charged 1st or 2nd class daily rates the Consulting Physician Surgeon or Obstetrician is called in, either at the request of the patient or by arrangement between the patient and the Medical Officer, the amount of the consultant's fee shall be a sum not exceeding \$50.

Certificates.—A charge of \$10 is made for all certificates in connection with the fitness or unfitness of patients or others to perform their duty and for invaliding certificates, and \$10 for certificates required by insurance companies, etc.

Children under twelve years of age are charged at half the foregoing rates in each class.

It is hereby notified that on and after January 1, 1932, the fee payable at the Gap Road School will be \$60 per annum.

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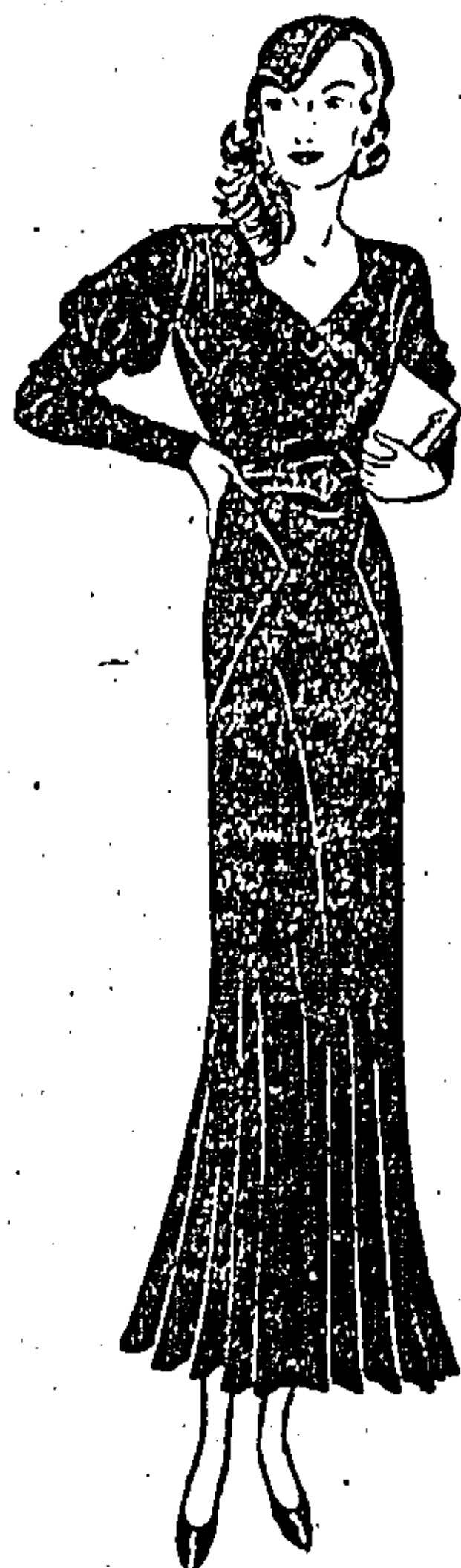
A cheap, hard-wearing, and effective bedspread may be quickly made at home from an unbleached sheet and a remnant of cretonne in a bold flowered design. A large cluster of flowers is cut out of the cretonne and tacked on to the middle of the sheet; smaller groups are selected from the design and arranged in each corner. These are fastened down all round the edges with bold blanket stitching in a suitable colour. If there is any black in the design this can be repeated in the embroidery cotton used. The soft cream of the sheeting makes a good background for the bright colours, and it is easy to find a piece of cretonne that blends well with the colour scheme of the room. The design chosen should be a more or less solid mass if the applique is to be successful and the edges are not to curl or fray.

MILITARY MODES.

French revolution fashions have joined the long list of dress modes presented to tempt women's fancy this coming season.

The short, military jackets, scarlet-faced soldiers' overcoats and round cockaded caps, sported by feminine enthusiasts of the guillotine, appeared again at an "economy price" London dress show recently. These outfits were all of British design and material made by a man dress-maker and an English actress working in partnership.

Among these soldierly fashions was a day outfit comprising a pale blue cloth military jacket, with box-pleated patch pockets, shoulder straps, and metal buttons, worn with a brown skirt having a blue stripe stitched down either side seam. Even a suit or wide-trousered black cocktail pyjamas had a trimly buttoned soldier's jacket of silver lame.



NEW BAGS.

At the moment there are numerous British leather bags to be had at a reasonable price. One clever bag fills the needs of those who powder in public by fitting a sewing mirror in the flap, which can be made to stand up, and almost hidden, with the bag resting on the knee or table, leaving both hands free for toilet repairs. Another has, behind the sliding mirror, a secret pocket for matches and cigarettes. Or the mirror is found to have cigarettes, matches, and powder all cunningly fixed on its back as the mirror is drawn out, making the offer of a cigarette an opportunity for a passing glance therein. Another very useful bag is really two bags in one, the outer one, fixed at the two ends with press-studs, can be slipped off and used as a shopping bag or, even more successfully, as a book carrier. Other bags have secret pockets for hiding away extra money or jewels, but these mysteries belong only to big bags for travelling, at a high price. There is an excellent cheap shop-

FOR THE JUVENILES.

That the juveniles are not going to let the grown-ups have it all their own way with the royal blue reffer coats which are proving so popular for sports wear is well demonstrated by the smart little coats that are now showing for the little miss.

Mitzi Green is one that dons a nautical coat in blue, complete with brass buttons and an embroidered emblem on the sleeve for wearing over her sports suit.

The suit has a plain blue pleated skirt, whilst the jumper is of striped stockette, bound at the neck and wrists with the royal blue.

To complete the naval touch, she insisted that her cap be a proper sailor one, and the bands on her white socks match the stripes in the jumper.

ping bag with a zipp fastener in mock snakeskin, which most people would find of great use.

BEAUTY.

"I wish I had time for beauty treatment," sighed a busy housewife the other day. "But that is impossible. For one thing I haven't the time, and for another, I haven't the money."

My young friend, feeling that housework induces beauty to flee, is unaware that it is the daily routine of a house, which includes numerous beauty exercises, that has given her the best physical asset she has, namely, a fine figure, writes Betty Harper.

The housewife's work is healthy. She can plan her days to suit herself. If she is a little off colour one day she can take things easy and pull it up the next day. The business woman is not so fortunate.

Housework can be a beauty treatment in itself. Bathing the babies, cleaning the bath, brushing down the stairs, rubbing the windows, polishing the furniture all contribute to a woman's charm, for the movements keep the muscles active and healthy.

Afternoon Rest.

At the same time, those same duties can readily become wearying if the body is overtaxed. A rest in the afternoon should be managed, somehow; preferably with the feet up. This rests breaks the routine, and enables the housewife to meet her husband and children fresh and smiling when they come in from work or school.

There is no reason why the housewife should not be charming. A fresh collar takes but a few minutes to stitch inside that rather worn housefrock, but what a difference it makes. And, similarly, cold creaming the skin removes all the harshness caused by the steam and cold winds on washday.

The hair is a frame for the face, and when attractive is an asset to any woman. All it needs to keep it so is a little daily attention. For instance, before beginning the Ordinary routine after breakfast,

it should have five minutes brisk scalp massage, at the same time applying a few spots of a tonic hair dressing. This should be followed with a few minutes brisk brushing, then the waving combs or pins set just where the waves are desired. Over it slip an invisible hair net and, finally, a dusting cap.

Then, in the afternoon, lightly comb it and apply a few spots of brilliantine. The result is as though the housewife has just left the hairdressers' salon.

THE DAILY DOZEN.

It is generally assumed that women who do morning exercises make "slimming" their main objective. But everybody who begins the day in this way is not necessarily so materialistic in purpose, and some new records recently published make the gramophone a delightful means of adding beauty and art to our daily physical "jerks." Miss Edith Mezey, who is responsible for these records, gave a demonstration of her health and slimming exercises in London recently, showing how the gramophone can be used in this connection. The exercises are carefully graded and designed in such a way as to produce general fitness and elasticity rather than to develop any particular muscles. Each one is described clearly—a chart issued with the records explains them with diagrams as well—and the listener is then supposed to perform the exercise to the accompaniment of the jolly little tune that follows. By an ingenious arrangement of grooves, the machine can be stopped and the same exercise repeated at any time.

Miss Mezey's own performance to a private audience was enough to show how much fun and pleasure could be extracted from five minutes a day spent with the gramophone in this way. It must have been to her rather a ghostly experience to hear her own voice proceeding from the instrument, especially when it addressed her with encouraging words of praise, or adjured her not to hollow her back or to wobble her knees—defects that were completely lacking so far as anybody could see. But she saw the humour of the situation enough to smile at the unusual reversal of teacher and taught; and even the difficult "Wood Chopping" exercise appeared easy when performed by the expert. Whether the Edith Mezey exercises give one a perfect figure or not they are worth doing for fun.



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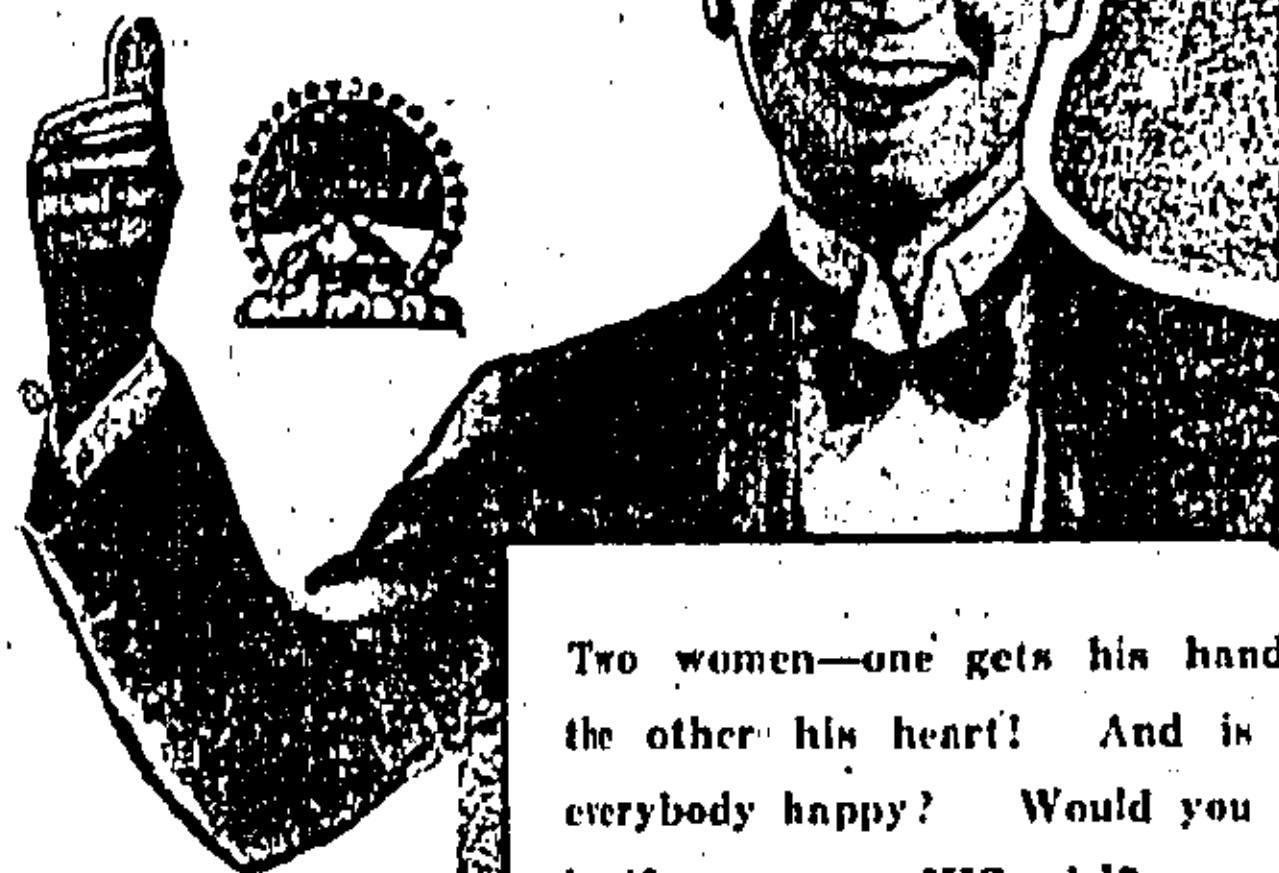
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

NEW SOCCER IDEA

Off-The-Field Scheming That Scores Goals.

[By H. Burgess, Sheffield Wednesday's International Inside-Left.]

A new idea has made headway in football recently—the "non-playing" captain. One cannot give an opinion of the effect of this development on the game until we have had much more experience of non-playing captains. But the question may well be asked—can tactics be directed from off the field of play?

The answer, I think, is yes, provided that there is exact co-operation between the players and those whose work it is to determine the tactics to be employed.

No football team nowadays can afford to take the field without a plan of campaign. The more important the match, the more vital it is to have a plan. Again, the same strategy cannot be used in match after match—nor even repeated too frequently in the same match. You have different opponents to consider, with widely varying physique, temperament, and ideas about the game. You have different weather conditions, too. You have also the outlook of your own team to consider. They may be in overwhelming form, or they may not be working as smoothly as they should be.

All these points must be considered before the question of how to score goals can be properly answered.

Trying New Ideas.

One captain the other day reversed orthodox ideas by electing to play with the sun in the eyes of his team in the first half, having won the toss. The more usual custom is to take in the first half all the advantages you can get, and so have the best chance of gaining a lead.

This was no haphazard move on the part of the captain concerned, however.

He had considered weather conditions. He had calculated that the sun would last out the match, and that, sinking lower, it would be much more trying in the second half than in the first.

Obviously, all such decisions must, in a sense, be "last minute" decisions.

Emergency Moves.

You may talk team tactics in mid-week with reference to Saturday's match, but the tactics actually adopted will be determined immediately before the game, and also during the course of it.

Few footballers will agree that there is anything to be gained by chopping and changing a team about during half-time. It is a sound enough maxim, however, that if you are down on the run of the play during the first half, you are likely to be equally down on the second half, unless you make a change of some sort. The change can do little harm, and may do good.

The finest possible method is to make the absolute minimum number of changes of any kind—no changes at all, in fact.

But this cannot always be managed.

Vital Ten Minutes.

An example of the change of tactics that often pulls the game out of the fire is the order to "attack relentlessly" during the last ten minutes or so of a match, after you are down.

This strategy is based on the understanding that you are not likely to score if you continue in the way that you have been going. It is a good sporting chance to let defence look after itself for the last

few minutes, and concentrate all on a determined ten-man attack to score the equalising goal.

Again, if you have a lead and have been unlucky in the way of injuries, it may be necessary to pay more attention to defence in the closing stages.

There is absolutely nothing unsporting in this.

Following the Team Plan.

Spectators do not always realise the care that goes into the building of a team plan.

First it must be understood that the players themselves have little opportunity to watch other teams, except when they are actually engaged against them. What they know about their adversaries in the next match cannot be left to chance. If the game is of real importance, the men and methods of the adversaries are carefully studied by representatives of the club who are thoroughly experienced in football in theory and practice. As a result of their reports, a plan of campaign is decided upon.

This is communicated to the team.

Now comes the really important point. All this careful study and thought will be flung to the winds if players allow themselves to be "rattled" by an early reverse, or if they do not make a determined effort to carry out the plan.

The Great Player.

On the other hand, circumstances may arise that make it necessary to drop the plan, and try something else.

There must be men on the field with the understanding to know this, and with the individuality to keep the ball rolling in the right direction.

Scheming on the field and off must be added to the physical attributes of the team if goals are to be scored in these days.

The great player is one who brings his own touch of genius to bear on the preconceived plan, and who can fit in with the rest of the team and show them the way to tackle each situation as it arises—Evening News.

EASIER GOLF

by **H. STUART HOBSON**

ARE "TOO MANY CLUBS" SPOILING GOLF?

AN R. AND A. BAN.



The action of the Rules of Golf Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews in banning clubs that have a roughened surface inset into the face has caused much comment among golfers.

Clubs improved in this way were meeting with favour. They aided in adding backspin to the ball, so making approach shots easier to stop on the green.

The actual pronouncement of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club reads:—

"On and after January 1, 1932, the faces of iron clubs shall be smooth, subject to the provision that they may have the shallow line and/or dot markings such as have been customary for many years, and from which all rough or raised edges have been removed. No preparation which has the object of putting backspin on the ball shall be applied to the heads of iron clubs. No insets of any description shall be allowed on the striking face of iron clubs."

Ban On New Clubs.

This ban on the new clubs has raised the question of the whole future tendency of the implements of golf.

Any professional can now show ranges of clubs all forged with one object in view—to make the game of golf easier. It is not always easy to see why some of the new clubs are legal, if they are compared with others that have been banned.

There are some players—and no

doubt some caddies!—who would like to see the number of clubs that a player might carry strictly limited. Eight is the number suggested, three woods and five irons.

Other players would go still further, and insist that each of the limited number of clubs must be of rigidly standard pattern.

Only in this way, it is asserted, can golf become once again a test of the skill of the player, and not of his equipment.

Equipment Counts.

But has golf ever been anything else but a test of the choosing and handling of equipment? There is no joy greater than that of choosing a new club, unless it be picking up a second hand club for a shilling or two, or adapting existing clubs. One golfer recently showed me a cleek which he had cut down three inches in the shaft, so that he could use it for short approaches. His prowess with this club showed so marked an improvement over his other games that, much against the will of the professional, he had ordered all his clubs to be cut down to the same extent!

That is an extreme example, but there is no golfer who will neglect any opportunity to find a new club that will help his golf, or to adapt an existing club if there is a chance of greater progress.

The only formula for successful golf is this, a good club in the hands of a capable player.

Even though a player may be very carefully measured for his clubs by the professional at the out-

set of his career he will not perhaps get every one right. And later, he may get one or two that are badly wrong. In any case, a club that is good when new does not last for ever.

Clubs deteriorate, and their balance changes.

Quality and Suitability. It would be safe to say that the quality and suitability of the instruments we use are of more importance in golf than in any other game.

There are half-a-dozen or so to be chosen, and each has to be left to do its own work. The player who does the work that the club ought to do—or rather, who attempts to do the work—is making hazards for himself.

A cricketer once wagered that he could throw a golf ball nearer to the pin than a golfer could put it with a maul.

He found that he was wrong. He had the accuracy of direction, but he had no means of putting stop on the ball.

Confidence in a club often makes a golfer play above his standard. That is why clubs that have been used by well-known professionals fetch big prices. Lesser mortals genuinely can play better with them—for a time, at least.

Extravagance or Not?

The problem that concerns the future of golf is this—shall we give the golfer unrestricted choice of clubs, and full liberty to adapt any club to his needs, or shall we go back to the days when to have more than five clubs was unwarranted extravagance?

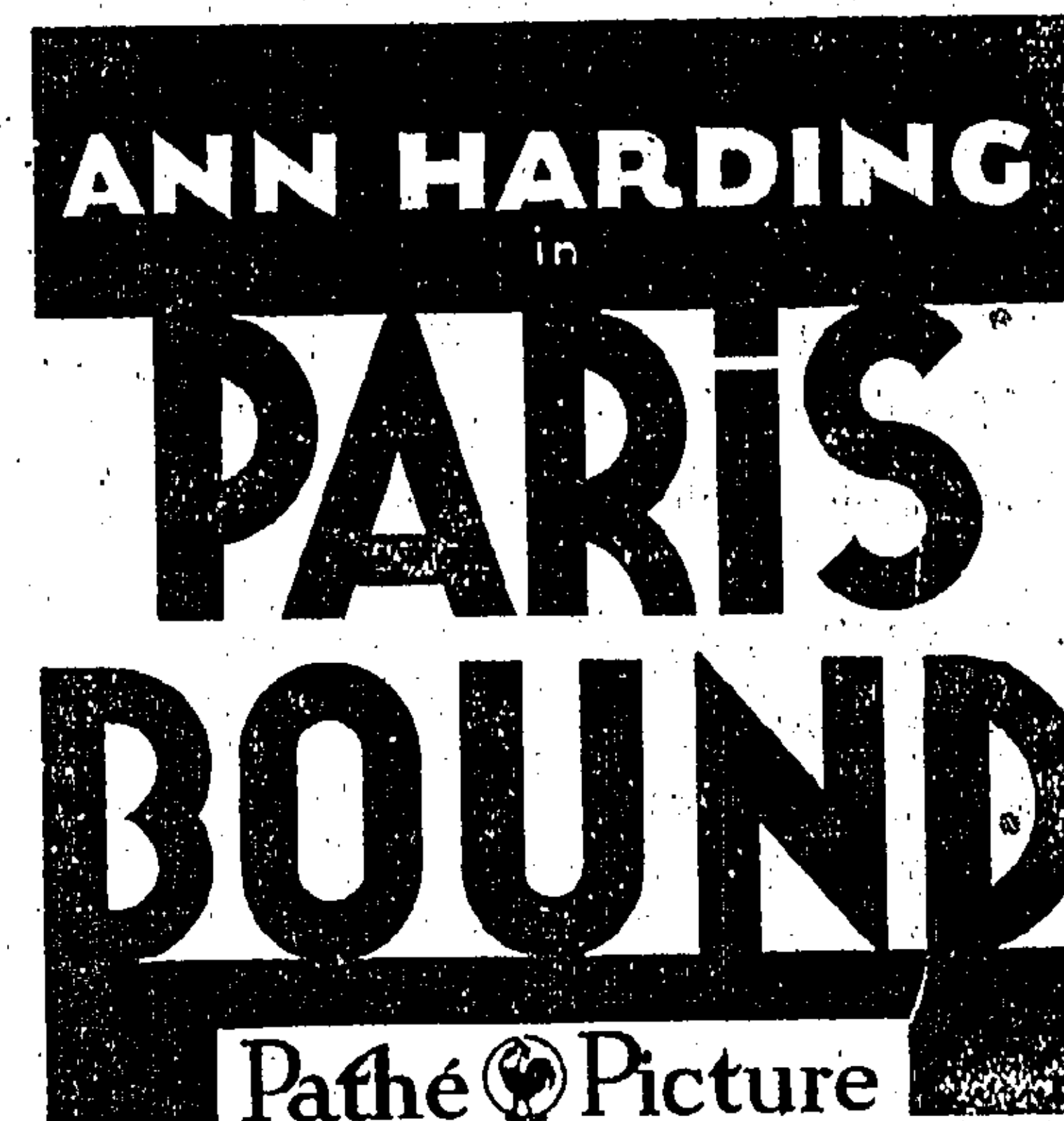
Going back is very difficult at any time, unless deterioration sets in, and the retrogressive movement is unconscious.

Modern clubs, good tuition, the modern ball, and modern courses have done a great deal to popularise golf. If we are to continue to go forward, the golfer must be allowed to indulge his hobby of club collecting. The control of the implements of the future should take the form of closer co-operation between club-makers and professionals, and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, makers of the rules of the game—(China Mail Copyright).

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A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

In honour of their Golden wedding anniversary, Sir Robert and Lady Margaret Ho Tung gave a sumptuous party at the Peninsula Hotel on December 2, in the afternoon, and it was largely attended, those present including H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel. Sir William, in the course of a speech, referred to the magnificent work that both Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung had done in the cause of charity. Sir Robert, in replying, said it was with great pleasure that he donated \$200,000 for children's welfare and education in the Colony. A full report of the celebration is chronicled in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Mrs. Helen Wills-Moody, world's champion tennis star, did honour to Hong Kong by visiting the port on December 4, and consented to play in exhibition matches at the Kowloon Cricket Club on December 8. The latter attracted an enormous crowd, and the star gave a brilliant display of the art and technique of tennis. E. C. Fincher, the local runner-up of the Singles' championship, beat Mrs. Wills-Moody, in a set that extended to twenty games. A detailed report is furnished in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

In the early hours of December 5, a village elder was murdered in Chung Uk Village, in the Ping Shan district. The crime was most brutal, and the motive was apparently robbery. The tragedy was first discovered by the deceased's daughter-in-law who entered the house, and found him lying on a bed dead. He appeared to have been dead for some time, as the body was already stiff and cold. From the villagers, the Police investigators, learned that two strange men had been visiting the place on three occasions. A full report of the outrage is contained in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

There was a bright tone at the Thirteenth Extra Race meeting held at Happy Valley on December 5. The dividends paid in some of the events were excellent, Glorious Stag paying over \$80 in the first race of the day, whilst Sonny Boy, who was third in the event, paid over \$45. In the absence of Apollo, who was not entered, Sitting Bull, again triumphed in the big event, the November Handicap. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL gives a detailed report of the meet.

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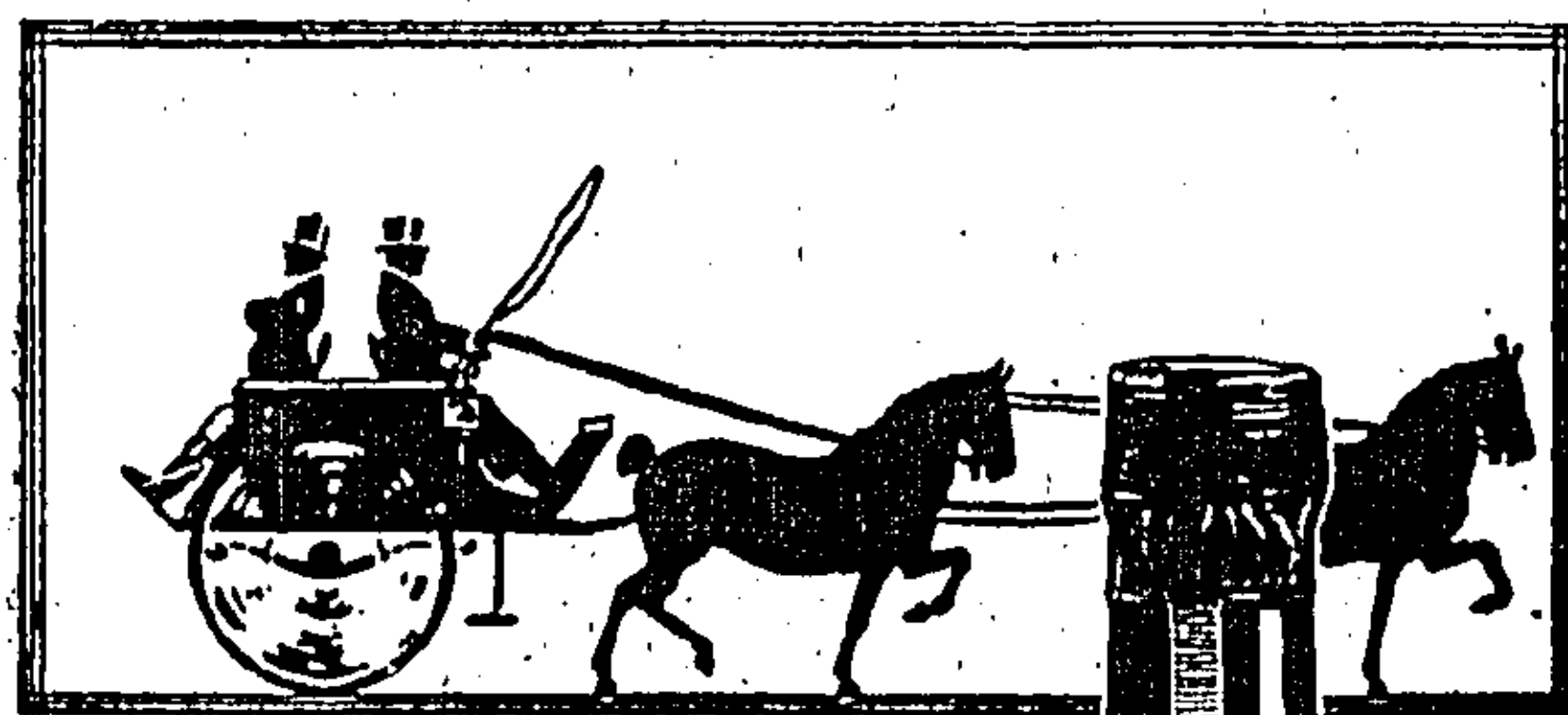
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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Saturday, Dec. 12, 1931.

"Simplified Practice."

What is Simplified Practice? Had you asked that question of us a few days ago, our thoughts may have gone back to school days, and we may have mumbled vaguely about simple and compound practice sums, those bugbear exercises over which we used to rack our brains so grievously. And we should have been, into the bargain, well off the right track. But, we have since had the opportunity of reading the text of an interesting radio talk by Dr. Julius Klein, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Washington, and we could answer the question with tolerable accuracy in order to gain "pass marks." But the subject, which is an important one for our business men, deserves better consideration and treatment than that, so we shall go to Dr. Julius Klein and get him to answer the question for your benefit.

What is Simplified Practice? Well, says the Doctor; it is the policy of limiting varieties of any given manufactured article to such convenient minimum as will satisfy all normal and reasonable demands. It offers one of the best means by which business can accomplish its necessary task of getting down costs of finished goods to levels that will place them within reach of temporarily reduced buying power. It is almost inseparable from success in quantity-production policies for industry. It is not an attempt to abolish diversity, where diversity is desirable. It does not mean reducing us all to robots. It is just a rational, appealing, carefully devised plan to save money and promote good business.

"Policy of limiting varieties." What does the Doctor mean by that? Here is a good illustration he furnishes. Perhaps, says he, in your innocence you thought an inch was always an inch — never more, never less. Not by a means! There were, at one time, 16 different sizes of an inch recognised in a single

American business — the lumber industry. A buyer, who ordered inch plank, might have found his delivery running anywhere from a half-inch to an inch-and-a-quarter in thickness, and yet every piece of it would be legitimately proper "inch lumber" under the mixture of understanding built up in the trade — planks measured before or after drying, before or after planing on one side, and so on — 16 different kinds of an inch measurement!

Again, ten years ago, producers in the United States were turning out 78 distinct sizes and dimensions of bedsteads — not styles. Mattress manufacturers, spring manufacturers, and makers of all kinds and types of bedding had to adjust production to this extraordinary variety of sleeping framework. Obviously there were great obstacles to effecting economies. To-day, the number of standard sizes — not styles — has been reduced to 4, and the whole business of accessory supply has been simplified and vastly cheapened.

And so the tale goes on. Ten years ago, there were 552 patterns and dimensions of woven wire fencing on the market. They have been reduced to 62. Of milk bottles, there were at one time, 49 varieties, now four are standard, and the little caps, used to seal them, have also come down to standard dimensions. Of school blackboards, there were actually 251 different dimensions now there are but 52. Of paving bricks, there were 86 models, but it has since been proven that 6 meet all the needs. It is unnecessary to labour the point further.

Simplified Practice has been brought into operation in these various industries, with very promising results. Now, let us follow through the accomplishment, say for bedsteads. In the factory, there can be a smaller investment in machinery and patterns. There can be a reduction of warehouse space, and a big reduction in the amount of capital tied up in inventories, with a proportionate reduction in interest and other carrying charges. These advantages

carry on into the field of distribution. In wholesale and retail houses, total inventories can be kept down (not so many varieties to carry) without reducing the stock of any single item in regular demand. The cost of accounting is reduced, and the chances of mistakes and errors in shipments brought down lower. There is a valuable indirect accomplishment as well, which makes for stability of employment. During slack times, producers can safely manufacture for stock, knowing that, when demand improves, standard items will again be called for. All this means savings to be distributed over the industry and among the consumers concerned.

There is a vital point, however, to be remembered in connection with this matter. Reference was made earlier to the exemption of styles. Simplification in industry does not mean in the least destruction of style. It would be foolhardy to try to abolish fashion. So, standardisation of style, ornament, appearance, or individuality has been absolutely avoided. They are regarded as being outside the scope of Simplified Practice.

So we see that though variety may be the spice of life, it may also be the curse of business. Simplified Practice, it would appear, reducing variety to normal and reasonable demands, banishes that curse. And, as we know that it frequently takes but a very little bit to make the difference between solvency and bankruptcy, this is the time to pay heed to those little things which work wonders in maintaining invaluable equilibrium in business. Little things which enable us to stand the strain of the repression. The subject is deserving of your very serious consideration.

News in Brief.

The next Criminal Sessions is to be held on Monday, December 21, 1931, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Don't forget.—Last day of "The Smiling Lieutenant" at the King's Theatre to-day! The management have been smiling more than Chevalier all week over the splendid box office receipts.

Mrs. Hilda Grenier, former personal attendant for many years to Queen Mary, the former Princess of Sofia of Germany and other European royal personages, was expert consultant to Director Lloyd during the making of "East Lynne."

The case in which Chan Wai and Lam Cheung, were charged in connection with the seizure of a quantity of opium in Waterloo Road on November 28, was concluded before Mr. Fraser yesterday afternoon. The first defendant was fined \$2,500 and the second discharged.

Joseph Urban, foremost designer of settings for stage and screen and architect of royal palaces and many of New York's finest structures, personally supervised the designing and construction of the sets in "East Lynne." These settings are representative of various moods of life. In London, East Lynne, Vienna and Paris.

Music plays an important role in "East Lynne." Richard Fall, famous Viennese composer of "The Dollar Princess" and other operettas and compositions, has written an original French martial air, a Viennese schottische and two waltzes. In addition he supervised the playing of famous classic compositions and the singing of "Then You'll Remember Me" by Ann Harding.

Personal Par.

Mrs. R. M. Dyer is to distribute the Kowloon Junior School prizes on Wednesday, December 16, at 10.30 a.m.

PUREE DE POIS

By
BESOMORO.

GLASS HOUSES AND STONES.

M. Pierre Charreau will have to pay strict attention to the old adage about not throwing stones. He has built for himself an experimental house entirely of glass on a steel frame. With the exception of the bathroom the glass walls are transparent. The walls of the bathroom are of frosted and stained glass. This French architect built the house with the intention of letting in as much light as possible, and states that it has cost him no more than an ordinary house of the same size.

DON'T HIT BACK!

This is how, according to Mr. Gandhi's secretary, Mr. Mahadev Desai in "Young India," a four-year-old English girl tries to keep green the memory of an evening spent with the Mahatma:—"I have a bone to pick with you," said her father to Gandhi on his birthday.

"And what is it?" asked Gandhi, laughing. "Well, my little Jane comes every morning to me, hits me and wakes me up, and says, 'Now, don't you hit back, for Gandhi told us the other day never to hit back.'"

NEW SCHEME TO RAISE MONEY

This should appeal to Church Societies and the like. It has been tried out in Scotland—and succeeded. If it proved successful in Scotland, it ought to succeed in Hong Kong.

The husbands and wives in the congregation of St. Erkenwald's Church have collected 6,240 pennies by fining each other for minor misdemeanours.

The husband would fine his wife if the pudding was burnt, if his shaving water was not hot, and if he could definitely prove that she was responsible for the loss of his collarstud.

The wife fined her husband if he brought mud into the house on his shoes, if he was late for breakfast, if he flicked tobacco ash on the carpet, and if he forgot to put the cat out at night.

ANOTHER ROSE PATENTED.

A patent has been registered in Washington for a new variety of scarlet-crimson rose with the United States Patent Office.

It is of the bush type, and was produced by crossing the General Jacquemont with the Richmond. It has heart-shaped petals of crimson, high fragrance, extra long stems, freedom from disease, and larger petals and blooms.

This is the second patent for a rose to be issued under the Act of May 1930, which permitted patents to be registered for new varieties of plants.

INSURANCE OF A VIOLINIST'S HANDS.

According to the Ceylon Observer, Jan Kubelik, the famous Czech-Slovak violinist, who gave several recitals in Ceylon last year, is said to be seeking a new insurance for his marvellous hands. So far they have been insured with an Argentine insurance company for £6,000. But Kubelik does not consider that this would cover the loss of even one finger. So he has decided to

take out a "more appropriate" policy.

THE JOCKEY CLUB.

I am not referring to either the Hong Kong or Macao Jockey Clubs. I am referring to that Jockey Club, which is one of the most powerful organisations connected with sport, and the Stewards of which only recently were ordered to pay a trainer very heavy costs in a law suit. This Jockey Club not only controls flat racing, but owns Newmarket Heath—over 3,000 acres of ground.

It is composed of men of standing in all shades of life—politics, finance, law, and even diplomacy. Five Prime Ministers have been on its roll. It has complete powers to deal with racing matters and regulate and control the Turf. There are about 70 members, and election is controlled by ballot. There are three stewards, who retire in rotation. Those serving at present are the Marquess of Zetland, the Earl of Rosebery and the Earl of Harewood.

King George and the Prince of Wales are members, while the election of the Duke of Connaught dates from 1872.

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Motor-cycles (J. S. Wright).—150.7 m.p.h.
Motor-boats (Kaye Don).—110 m.p.h.
Railways (G.W.R.).—79.23 m.p.h.

In each case the records are all British, both as to man and materials.

To-day's Thought.

Another reason the wife has to work away from home is to help pay for the automobile so the family may be away from home more.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of December 12, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7½.

Prof. H. W. Turnbull, M. A. whose appointment as Professor of Mathematics at St. Andrew's University has just been announced from Home, was on the staff of the Church Missionary Society in Hong Kong from 1911 to 1915. He was assistant master at St. Stephen's College, Hong Kong, later holding the dual position of St. John's Hall and Mathematics Master of St. Stephen's College. Prof. Turnbull also lectured in mathematics at the University and was well known in the Colony as a cricketer.

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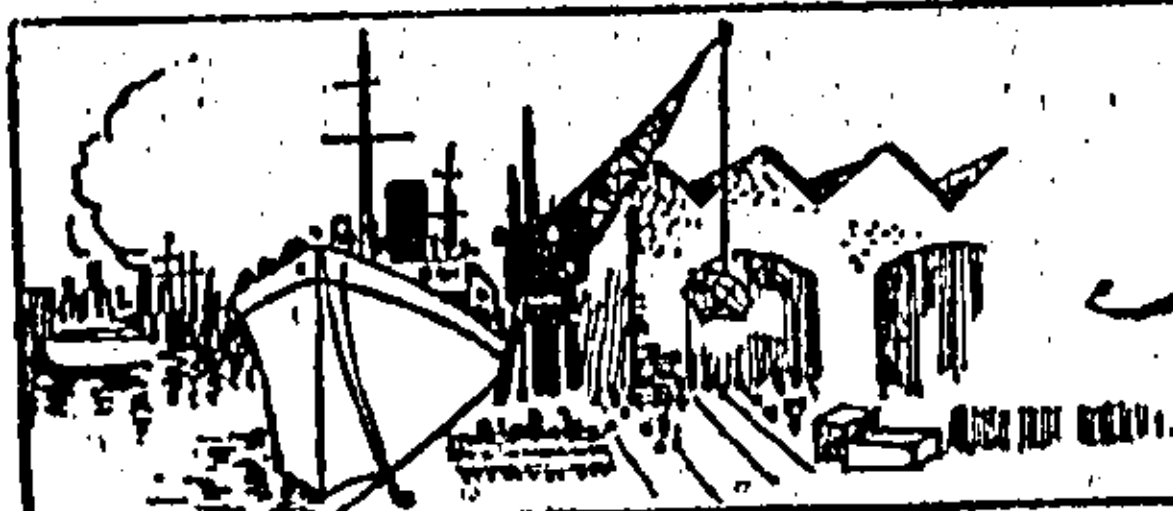
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JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singa- pore & Colombo.	Brisbane Maru	Tues.,	5th Jan.
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MEL- BOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila.	Himalaya Maru	Thurs.,	24th Dec.
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Andes Maru	Mon.,	14th Dec.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROT- TERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Paris Maru	Fri.,	8th Jan.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kwanan Maru	Mon.,	14th Dec.
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Colombo.	Kinal Maru	Mon.,	4th Jan.
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HAIPHONG via Hongkong & Swatow.	Burns Maru (not calling Belawan Deli)	Thurs.,	17th Dec.
AMOI (8 p.m. every Sun- day).	Menado Maru	Thurs.,	24th Dec.
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Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Kent—North arm.
Marazion—South wall.
Medway and Sub.—No. 2 buoy.
Olympus—In dock.
Osiris—In dock.
Persues—In dock.
Serapis—North wall.
Sirdar—North wall.
Sterling—North wall.
Suffolk—West wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Argus—French gunboat.
Craonne—French despatch vessel.
Gil Eanes—Portuguese transport.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Friday, Nov. 11.
Henrik, Norwegian str., 761 tons,
Capt. J. Jorgensen, from Swa-
tow, Kowloon Dock.—Thore-
sen & Co.
Huichow, British str., 1,222 tons,
Capt. E. M. Gellie, from Wei-
hai-wei, buoy No. B15.—
B. & S.
Tjilliwong, Dutch str., 3,061 tons,
Capt. Berkhout, from Sanda-
kan, buoy No. A11.—J.C.J.L.
Chinhua, British str., 1,353 tons,
Capt. D. Williams, from Amoy,
buoy No. B20.—B. & S.
Hakone Maru, Japanese str., 6,306
tons, Capt. Y. Okuno, from
Shanghai, buoy No. A6.—
N.Y.K.
Hinkozaki Maru, Japanese str.,
6,301 tons, Capt. K. Ogawa,
from Singapore, Kowloon
Wharf.—N.Y.K.
Kwangtung, British str., 1,572
tons, Capt. J. H. Hodgkiss,
from Swatow, buoy No. B21.—
B. & S.
Leverkusen, German str., 4,364
tons, Capt. Koehler, from
Shanghai, buoy No. A8.—Jeb-
sen & Co.
New York, American str., 3,463
tons, Capt. R. T. Hall, from
Shanghai, Stonecutters An-
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tons, Capt. N. Wada, from
Shanghai, Kowloon Dock.—
N.Y.K.
Shun Lee, Chinese str., 949 tons,
Capt. Miyakawa, from Canton,
buoy No. C1.—Yee Tai Hong.
Tchekam, Chinese str., 806 tons,
Capt. Lai Yee, from Hoihow,
buoy No. B11.—Wo On & Co.

CLEARANCES.

Friday, December 11.
Adrastus, for Hilo.
Atlas Maru, for Kobe.
Canton, for Haiphong.
Cheongshing, for Canton.
Chinhua, for Canton.
Hanyang, for Swatow.
Hakozaki Maru, for Singapore.
Huichow, for Canton.
Kaga Maru, for Singapore.
Kutsang, for Singapore.
Kwangtung, for Canton.
Menado Maru, for Hoihow.
Taikai Maru, for Takao.
Leverkusen, for Manila.
Tjilliwong, for Shanghai.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or
mean time of the meridian of 120
deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is
noon. The heights are referred to
the datum of the largest scale Ad-
miralty chart of the place and
should be added to the depths given
on the chart unless preceded by an
asterisk (*), when they should be
subtracted from the depths.

December 12 to 18, 1931.

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NICARAGUAN CANAL PROPOSAL.

Favourable Report by Military Commission.

Colonel D. I. Sultan, who, with
other members of a Military Com-
mission, was appointed by Presi-
dent Hoover in 1929 to survey pos-
sible canal routes in Nicaragua,
has reported very favourably of the
feasibility of the canal scheme, and
suggests a route differing in detail
from any previously suggested.
According to this plan, the canal
would be 173 miles long, 70 miles
being across Lake Nicaragua.
Between the lake and Greytown,
on the Atlantic-Caribbean coast,
the San Juan valley would be fol-
lowed, but as originally proposed,
instead of traversing the tortuous
windings of the San Juan river for
the whole of its distance the route
would only go part of the way and
then cut straight across country.
On the other side, the canal would
follow the Rio Los Lajos out of
the lake and then enter the Rio
Grande with the Pacific terminus
at Brito. Both the Rio Grande and
the Rio Los Lajos are little more
than rivers in name, being dry for
the best part of the year.

Colonel Sultan considers that at
no place will it be necessary to
make a cut as deep as the Gaillard
(Culebra). Cut in the Panama
Canal, from which no less than
10,221,672 cu. yd. of rock and earth
were removed. Nor would there
be any danger of earth slides, test
drilling having disclosed solid
foundation.

The Nicaragua Canal would not

EASTERN PORTS.

Details of Epidemic Diseases.

The health bulletin of Eastern
ports for the week ended Decem-
ber 5, issued by the Director of
Medical and Sanitary Services,
gives the following cases:—
Plague.

Alexandria: 1 case.
Port Said: 2 cases.
Cholera.
Bombay: 1 death.
Calcutta: 11 cases, 6 deaths.
Colombo: 1 case, 1 death.
Canton: 3 cases.
Small-pox.
Bagdad: 4 cases, 2 deaths.
Calcutta: 1 case, 1 death.
Karachi: 4 cases.
Madras: 2 cases.
Rangoon: 2 cases, 1 death.
Saigon: 7 cases, 3 deaths.
Amoy: 11 cases, 7 deaths.
Canton: 2 cases.
Shanghai: 20 cases, 8 deaths.

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Information has been received that the Air Mail Service between
Shanghai and Manchouli is suspended and the acceptance of letters
for this service is accordingly discontinued until further notice.

INWARD MAILS.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13.

Japan Sirdhana
London (Parcels only, London, Nov. 5) Hector
Shanghai and Swatow Sui Yang
Japan Sirdhana

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San
Francisco, Nov. 20) President Wilson
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London,
Nov. 28) Ulysses

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

Calcutta and Straits Santha

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.

Japan Heryo Maru
Manila Empress of Russia

OUTWARD MAILS.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Bangkok Michael Jensen 2.30 p.m.
Amoy Chungking 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada,
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Parcels Dec. 12, 3 p.m.
Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.

Tol Shan 4 p.m.
Granville 5 p.m.
Ajaz 5 p.m.
Empress of Russia 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13.

Yu Sang 9 a.m.
Hozan Maru 9 a.m.
Kalgan 8.30 a.m.
Kwanan Maru 10.30 a.m.
Sirdhana
Parcels Dec. 14, Noon.
Letters 1 p.m.

Hydrangea 8 p.m.
Chinhua 8.30 p.m.

Swatow
Dalny
Japan and *Canada via Vancouver,
B.C.

Hikawa Maru
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(Registration, Dec. 14, 4.15 p.m.)
Letters 5 p.m.

Hikawa Maru
(Registration, Dec. 14, 5 p.m.)
Letters 6 p.m.
Chung King 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

Tjilliwong 10.30 a.m.
Hak Ching 1 p.m.
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Kwai Sang 5 p.m.

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Emp. of Asia	Mar. 25	Mar. 28	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 2	Apr. 11	Apr. 11
Emp. of Canada	Apr. 9	Apr. 12	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27	Apr. 27
Emp. of Russia	Apr. 22	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 9	May 9
Emp. of Japan	May 7	May 10	May 12	May 14	May 16	May 25	May 25
Emp. of Asia	May 20	May 23	May 24	May 26	May 28	June 6	June 6
Emp. of Canada	June 4	June 7	June 9	June 11	June 13	June 22	June 22
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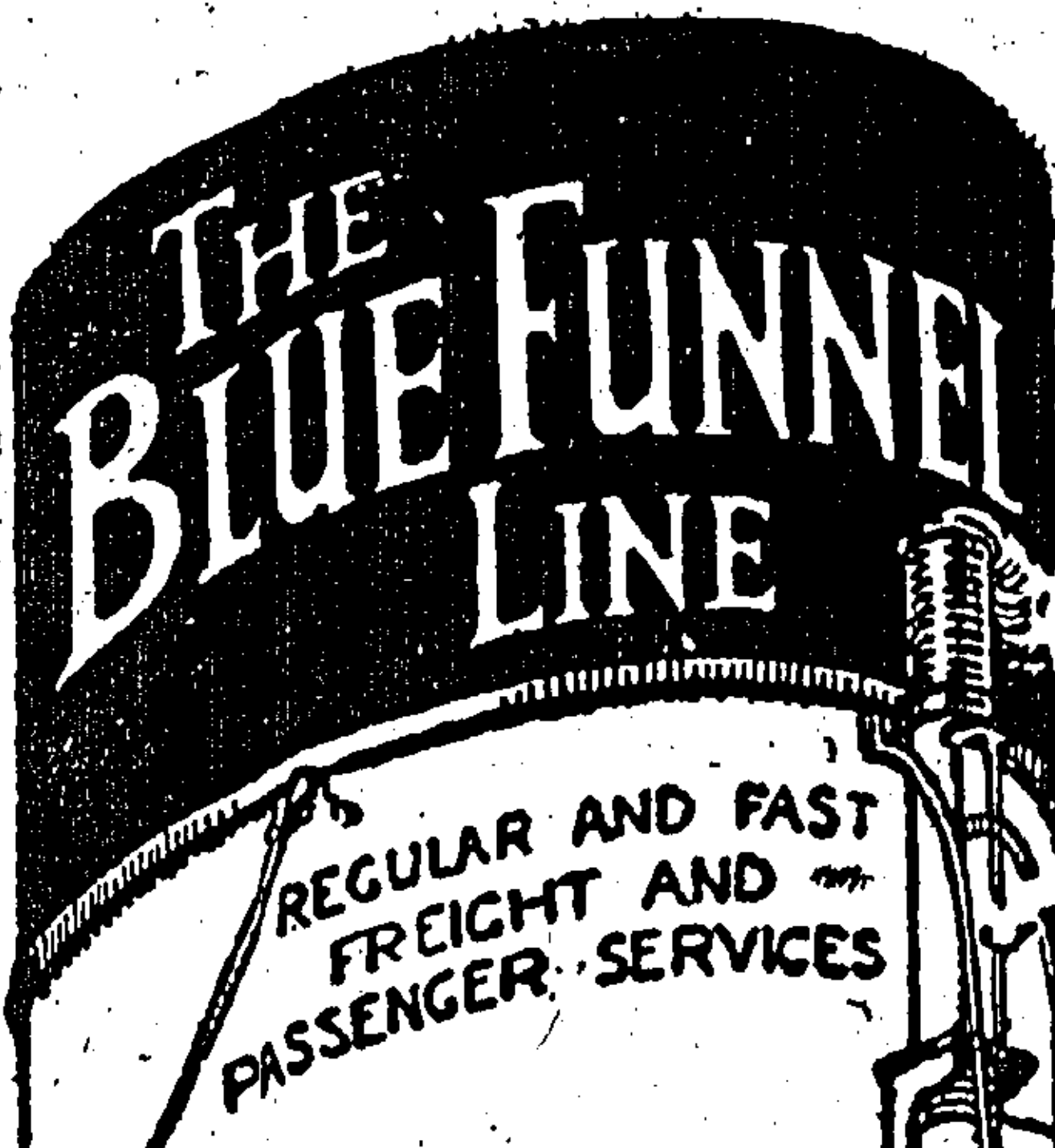
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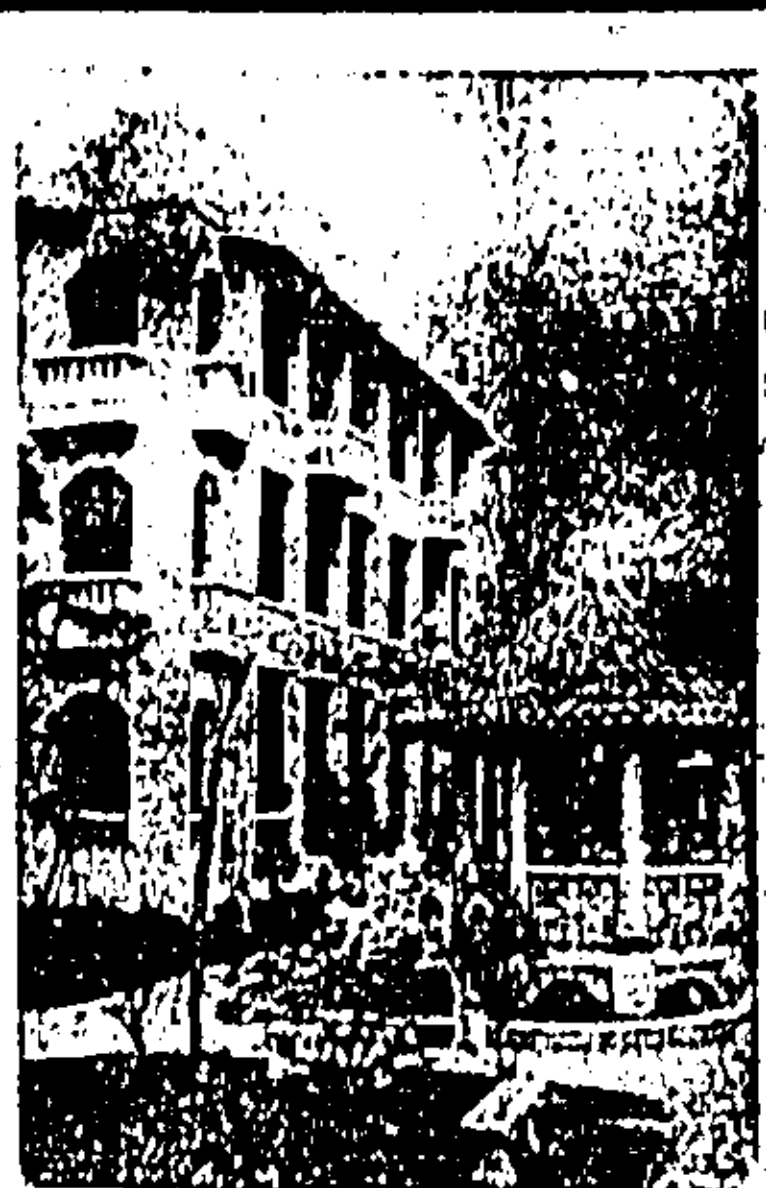
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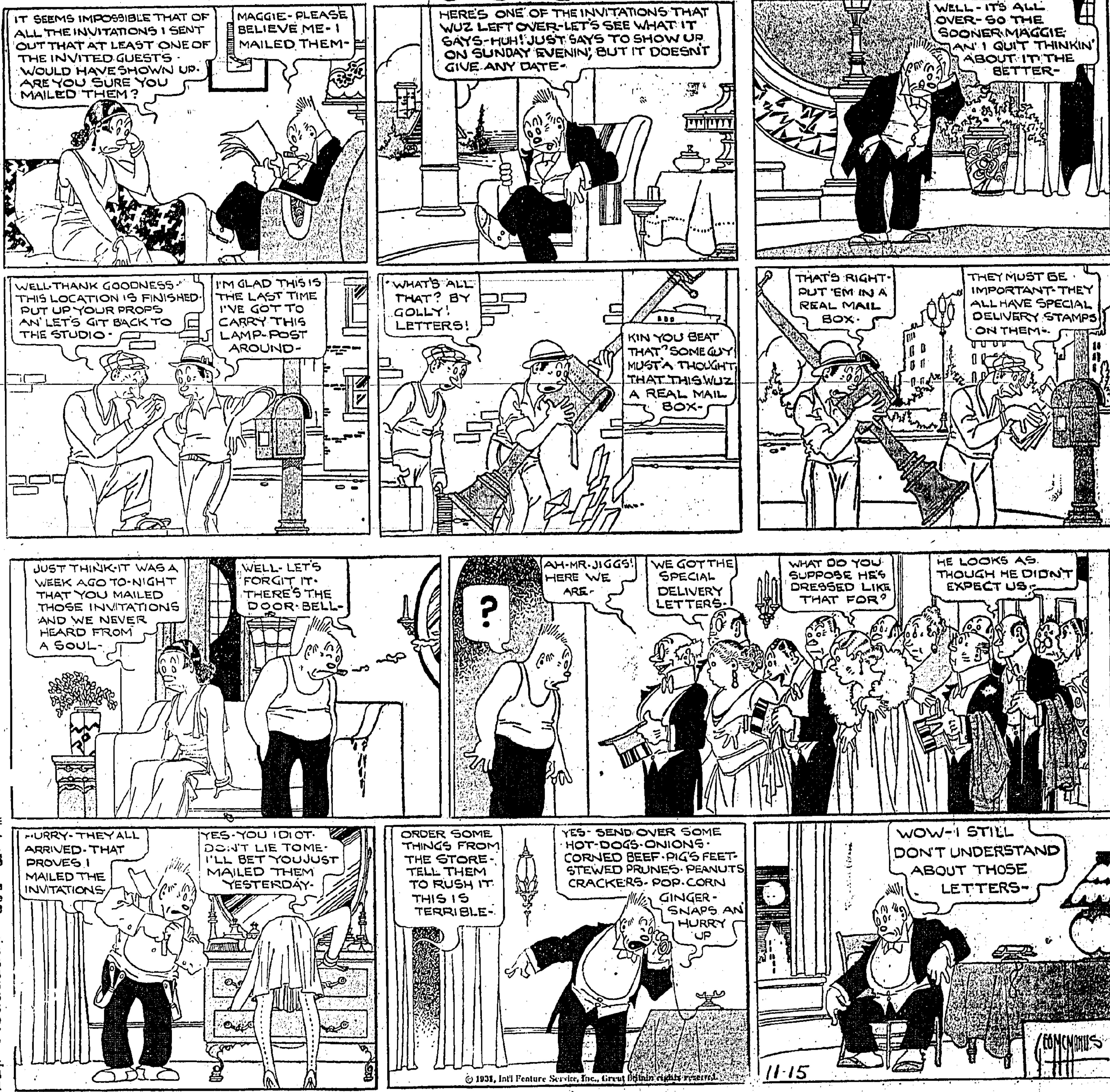
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The Eyrie	1725
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Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Hickbada) ...	297
Mainland.	Feet.
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971



THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

"MAIL" REVIEWS.

CROSSWORDS.
["Educational Crosswords" by J. Eaton Hosking; Benn, 2/6]
These new "Educational Crosswords" differ from the ordinary form of puzzle in only one particular—but it is a vital one. The difference lies in the fact that the data from which they are constructed consists of nothing but definite and useful information which is of the type likely to be required by the ordinary young student in the course of his studies in history, geography or English literature.
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Remember that in these squares no alternatives are provided. If a clue relates to a certain river, no other river will do, and when an historical event is referred to there can only be one possible answer.
For old and young "Educational Crosswords" will prove to be a novel and pleasant method of learning, an entertaining form of self-examination.
BEAUTY IN ART.
["A Grammar of the Arts" by Sir Charles Holmes, K.C.V.O., Hon. D. Litt., F.R.S., etc., some time Director of the National Gallery. Author of The National Gallery, etc. Illustrated.]
We have long been trying to persuade Sir Charles Holmes to write for us a relatively simple book which would help the plain man to understand some of the aspects of beauty in art, whether in a great painting or a porcelain jug, a carpet or a cathedral, a Japanese print or a sculpture of ancient Greece, a wooden chair or a silver cup. Here at last is the book. A Grammar of the Arts, as it were, from which

a man can get his bearings and begin to exercise an independent judgment.
Art, we are told, may like Caesar's Gaul be divided into three parts: Representative art, Decorative art, and Constructive art. When these three aspects of artistic creation are clearly understood, the knowledge will provide us with a foundation of sound principles which turn the analysis of even the most complicated manifestations of art into a relatively simple study. The consideration of these three aspects in some detail—the guiding principles of art—therefore occupies the first part of the book.
In Part II the various branches of the Arts and Crafts—such as Sculpture, Painting, Architecture, Textiles, Ceramics, Metalwork, etc.—are each separately surveyed, with an outline of their history and of the changes in taste which race and environment have successively produced.
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Sometimes the sisters would dispute. Then Mary would use her authority as godmother, as well as that of sister, and Anne would object strongly. Once, when they were walking in Rich-

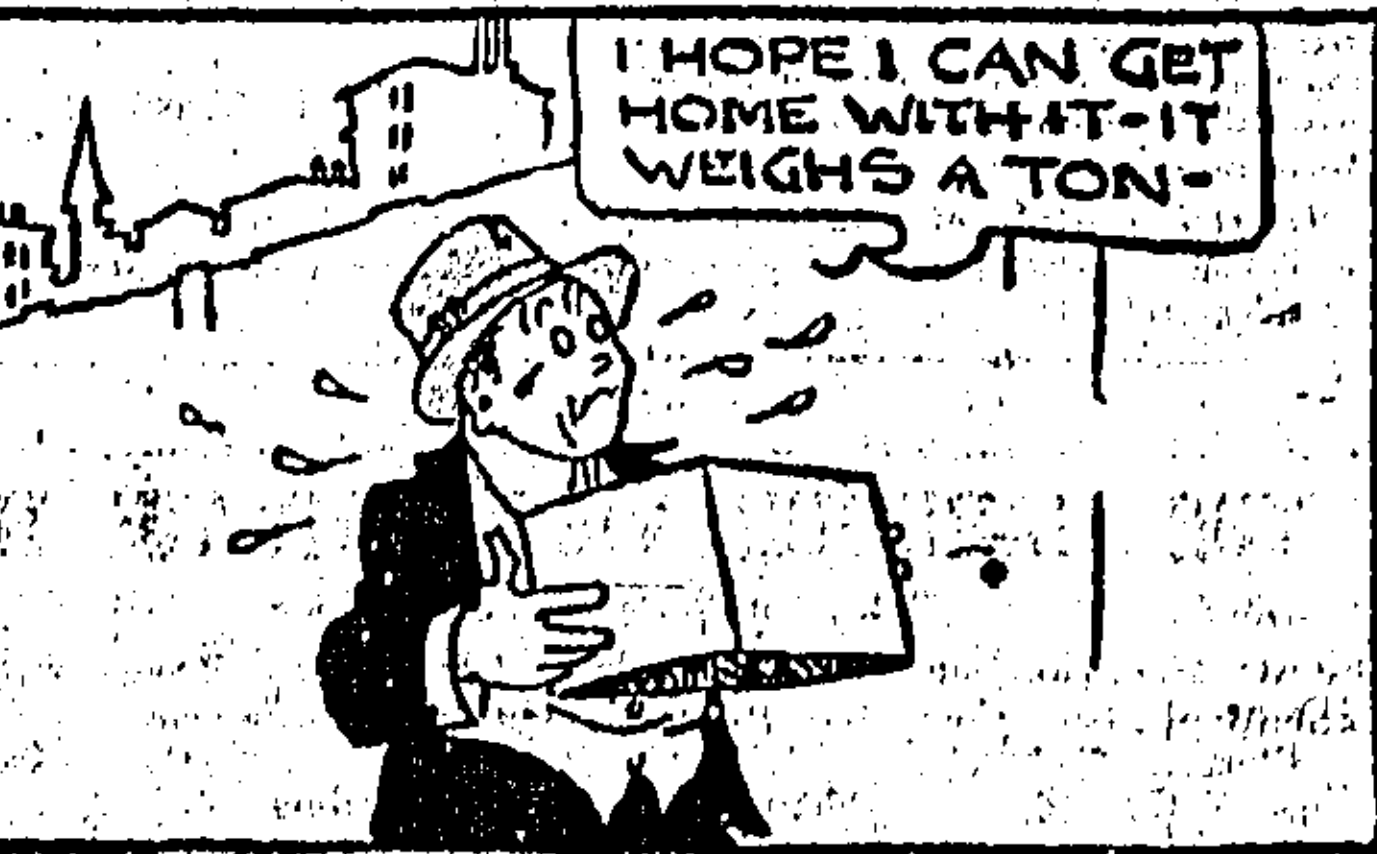
Work three more rows plain, and then decrease in every ninth stitch for the next row. Continue thus until the cap fits your head nicely; it must not come down very low, as the new-fashioned caps are quite shallow! When you think it's deep

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1. Shut noisily.
2. Absurd.
3. Devoured.
4. Proposition.
5. A colour.
6. Rub out.
7. Elderly lady.
11. You have one on each finger.
12. Boy's name (abbreviated):
16. Injures.
17. Kinder.
18. Sagacity.
19. Lifeless.
20. Possesses.
21. Possesses.
23. Part of verb 'to be'.
25. Belonging to us.

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"EAST LYNNE"

The famous old melodrama from Mrs. Henry Wood's story, over which countless quarts of tears have been shed, is given a new lease of life by the talkie, showing at the King's Theatre to-morrow. The tale of how a young and happy girl was repressed by the rigid mother of her appalling prig of a husband, who took the opportunity of an innocent piece of flirtation to turn her out of the house and separate her from her child; her gradual descent on the Continent, until finally, almost blind, she creeps into the ancestral home to see her boy, but only to be present at his death, whereupon, she just walks over a cliff to destruction—all this is told in a good, full-blooded way.

The stage play is, of course, elaborated. We have settings of gay life in Vienna, scenes of the Franco-Prussian war, and also of the privations in Paris during the siege. And everywhere the sentimental pedal is played for all it is worth.

Ann Harding adds to her laurels as the Lady Isabel, and there never was a more priggish prig than Conrad Nagel. I felt, however, a certain amount of sympathy for Clive Brook, who is not the traditional villain of the melodrama, but seems to have been let in unwittingly for a hell of a time. I expect that there is plenty of life in "East Lynne" yet.

A writer in a Home paper stated regarding "East Lynne":

It is extremely well acted by Ann Harding, Conrad Nagel, and Clive Brook, but the story seems very old-fashioned in these days.

Clive Brook, as the pseudo-villain, gets and almost deserves all the sympathy. He takes the heroine when she is turned out, loses his job on account of her extravagance, and is long-suffering during her constant hankerings after husband and child.

And if, in later days, he becomes a little indifferent and addicted to low company, who can blame him when she has spoilt his life—a life which ends when he attempts to save her from her own foolishness during the bombardment of Paris.

From Other Sources.

"THE GREAT LOVER"

Film-goers who like plenty of romance in their talkies plus a strong seasoning of comedy, will be delighted with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "The Great Lover," which opens at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow with Adolphe Menjou in the featured role.

The fast-moving plot based on the successful stage play concerns a world-famous opera singer who constantly gets into hot water as a result of his innumerable love affairs. Menjou is a perfect type for the hero of his diverting romantic comedy, playing the lover role for all it is worth.

Irene Dunne, of "Cimarron" fame and the cyclonic Russian actress, Baclanova, play the women who are principally involved in the opera star's amours. Neil Hamilton is admirable as the juvenile and comedy is contributed by Ernest Torrence, Cliff Edwards and the stuttering Roscoe Ates.

"SHOW GIRL IN HOLLYWOOD"

Alice White is Dixie Dugan in more than name in "Show Girl in Hollywood," the new First National picture at the Queen's Theatre. Alice is Dixie at heart and in spirit—and Dixie is Alice. So, at least, say those who know Alice best.

The little blonde actress first played the role of Dixie Dugan in "Show Girl," filmed two years ago as a silent picture. It was one of her first leading roles and she made good with a bang. Her success in "Show Girl" determined First National to again cast her in the role in the sequel, which continues Dixie's adventures and takes her to Hollywood.

Jack Mulhall, Blanche Sweet, and Ford Sterling are in the big cast.

(Continued at foot of Column 1.)

ROUND THE CAMP FIRE

NEXT WORLD JAMBOREE.

Hungarian Ex-Prime Minister As
Camp Chief.

Preparations for the Boy Scouts' World Jamboree, to be held at Godollo, near Budapest, in August, 1933, have commenced with experimental drilling for water and laying of water pipes.

Godollo, the estate given to Emperor Francis Joseph I in 1867, has been placed at the disposal of the Hungarian Boy Scouts for the purposes of the World Jamboree by Admiral Horthy, the Regent of Hungary. Godollo, ideal for such a gathering, has excellent communications to and from Budapest, and boasts ideal camping sites.

Count Paul Teleki, a former Prime Minister of Hungary, and Hungarian Honorary Chief Scout, has been appointed Camp Chief of the Jamboree. He is Honorary Chief Scout of the Hungarian Boy Scouts Association after having acted for years as their Chief Scout. He has a world-wide reputation as an eminent geographer. In that capacity he was appointed member of the League of Nations Commission of Enquiry in the Mosul dispute. He is also a member of the Boy Scouts' International Committee.

The Chief of Staff in camp will be vitez Francis de Farkas, who acted in the same capacity with the Hungarian contingent at Birkenhead Coming of Age in 1929.

Other important posts will be filled by the International Commissioner of Hungary, Dr. F. M. de Molnar, and by Dr. D. Major, who will be responsible for internal organisation.

Arrangements are being made for 25,000 Scouts from all parts of the world. Forty-five countries are expected to attend in addition to representatives from all parts of the British Empire.

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The Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell, explains to Boy Scouts how they can be of service to the country during the present economic crisis.

He Says "Keep Smiling."
Four suggestions he will put to them:—

1. To practise economy in their personal domestic life;
2. To try and keep money from going out of the country by buying British and Empire products in preference to Foreign; also by forgoing, for the present, visits to foreign countries;
3. To try and bring money into the country by making British goods of the very best quality and so encourage the demand for them abroad; also to make their villages and the countryside so attractive as to bring more foreign visitors to spend their money over here;
4. To keep smiling and to help to dissipate the anxiety and gloom incident to the crisis.

With regard to No. 2, buying British in preference to foreign food supplies, the objection which would usually be urged is that foreign supplies are cheaper. But there is a good deal of misunderstanding on this point—foreign supplies are by no means always the cheapest and therefore when marketing one would do well to inquire and compare prices and act accordingly, giving preference where possible to Empire produce.

"B.P." CALLS SCOUTS.

To Help Nation "Emerge" From Its "Emergency."

I have been agreeably surprised at the number of enthusiastic letters I have received as the result of my having urged Scouts to help the country in her present difficulties.

I realise that a number of Scouts and Scouters are anxious to give active help just as they gave it in the war. They only want to know how.

I have already shown that by buying British Empire goods the nation can save two hundred and thirty millions in a year from going abroad to other countries. The Empire Marketing Board are planning a great national campaign to bring this to the knowledge of the public and to get them to buy British goods.

The Board are having thousands of posters printed for the owners of retail shops, etc., to put in their windows in every town and village throughout the United Kingdom.

Their difficulty is to get the posters into the hands of the shopkeepers. This is a job which Scouts could do in their different localities all over the country, if they will.

I hope, therefore, that County Commissioners will confer with their District Commissioners and if they approve the idea that they will plan their schemes for distributing the posters as a service to the nation.

At this juncture it will be a definite step in preventing some of the present leakage of millions of pounds from our country.—Baden-Powell of Gilwell.

to keep our money in the "family."

Compare Prices!
Tea varies according to quality and blends, but on the average Empire teas are no dearer than foreign. The Empire Marketing Board reports:

"In general it can safely be said that Empire foodstuffs can be obtained in a wide range of prices depending on quality, and that price for price they are as good, if not better, value than foreign foodstuffs."

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PRESENTS FROM HIM.



"THE SEA GOD"

"Hot Baby" and "General Grant," two-mast pearly schooners, have broken into motion pictures.

The two vessels appear in Paramount's mystery romance, "The Sea God," which concludes its showings at the Central Theatre to-day.

Richard Arlen, who heads the featured cast of the picture with Fay Wray, is the skipper of "Hot Baby," while Robert Gleckler, late of the Broadway stage, is the commander of "General Grant."

Both vessels are veteran cruisers of the South Sea Island and have participated in many pearl fishing expeditions.

"Hot Baby" is 65 feet long and has a 17 foot beam. "General Grant" is just a trifle longer. Both ships are equipped with auxiliary motors but depend upon sail for travelling on the high seas.

Action of "The Sea God" was filmed on the ocean from the vessels, under water in a region noted for submarine gardens, and on the island where the picture unit made its location headquarters.

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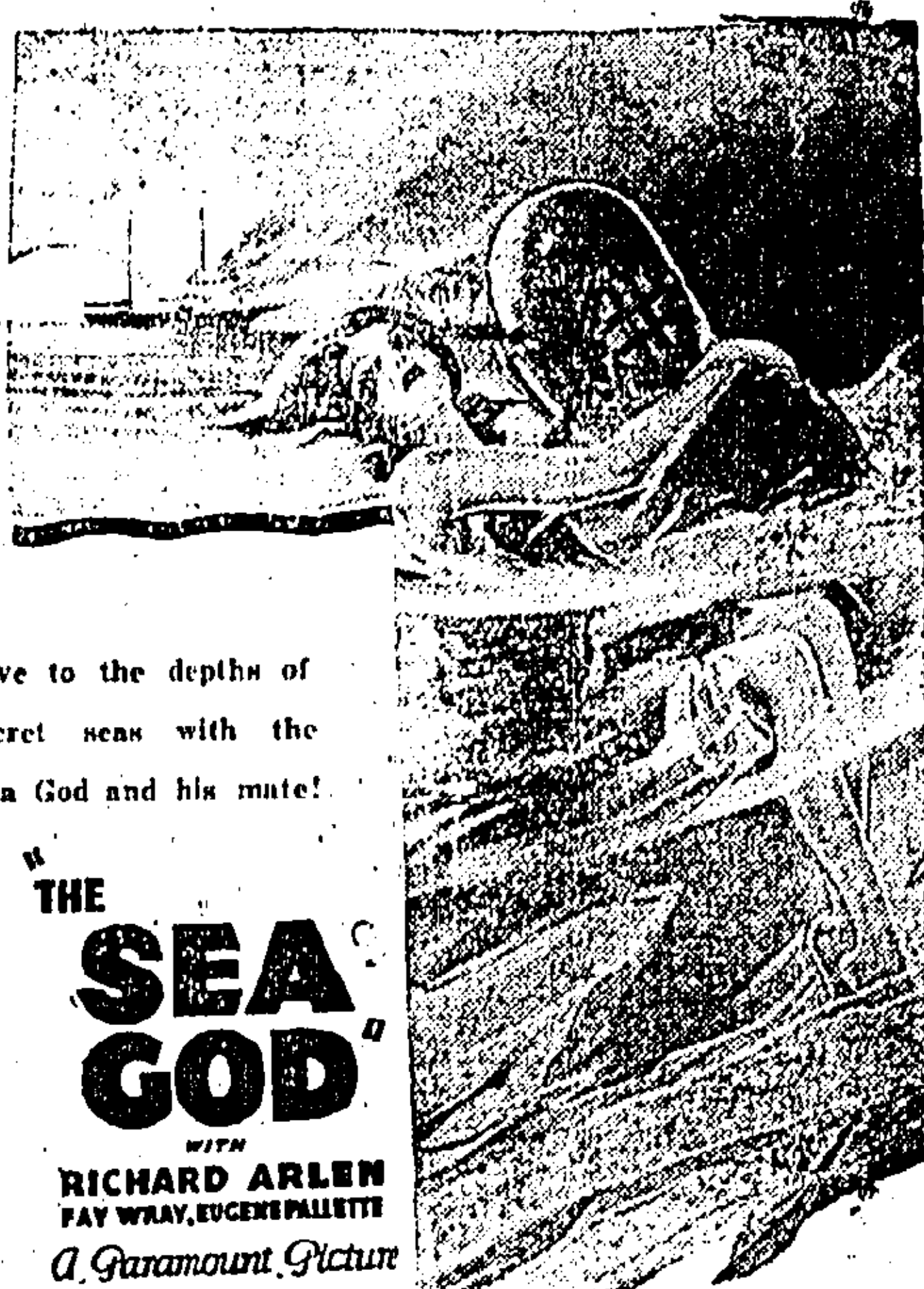
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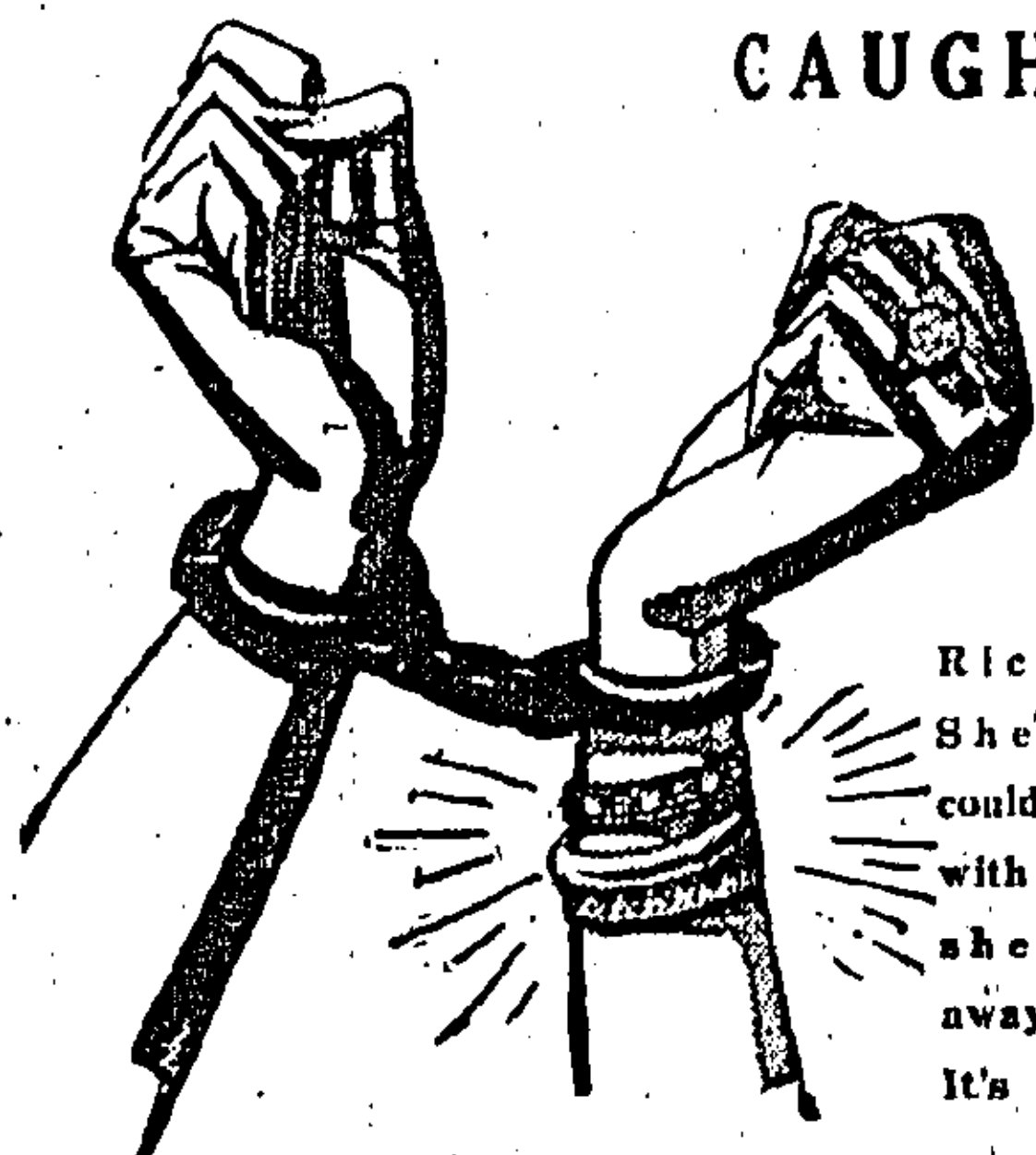
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SIDE-LIGHTS ON RELIGION.

The Nature of the Creator.

GOAL OF HUMANITY.

In the course of an address to the members of the Theosophical Society on Thursday, Mr. J. Russell said:

In our study of the various religions we note how identical they all are in their fundamental teachings regarding the nature of the Creator. His manifestation in his universe the Brotherhood of Man, and the ultimate Goal of Humanity, we also note that all the Divine Messengers of the world have taught the same changeless moral Laws, lived noble and inspired lives and self control over all physical appetites and emotional cravings. They put the same message in different ways, each choosing the way which would most help the people to whom he came, and which would develop in them the quality which the world most needed at the time of his coming. At one time the world needed most the sense of duty and order (Hinduism); at another purity (Zoroastrianism); at another righteousness (Judaism); at another Beauty and Harmony (Hermetic Teachings); at another knowledge (Buddhism); and again individuality to be followed by Self-Sacrifice (Christianity); at another Recognition of Divine Sovereignty (Mohammedanism). For this reason religions are different but go to the making of perfection and to the enriching of the world as a whole. Intolerance, exclusiveness, the mistaken idea that any one religion is the Truth and the followers of all other religions are heretics, or unbelievers are the result of ignorance of those who arrogate to themselves the right to teach and who pose as the only custodians of Spiritual Truth.

Three Stages.

All religions have three stages through which they pass: Enthusiasm, Speculation, Degeneration. Enthusiasm is created by the dominating Personality of the Creator of a new Religion among his immediate followers, who go preaching the new message that has been brought to them. Speculation sets in as to the meaning of the message that has been brought to them, and when the disciples have left this physical world, or others try to teach the pure message of Truth becomes lost in a mixture of dogmas and creeds which give birth to intolerance and persecution. In the course of time Degeneration sets in owing to lack of understanding by those who profess to be teachers, and the refusal of the people to be coerced into beliefs which they cannot understand.

Reforming Others.

In the heart of each one of us there is the desire to reform someone else, yet each one of us can only be concerned with our own reformation. This is not said in a selfish manner nor make us indifferent to others. But means too often we are more concerned with the reformation of another and forget the immediate need of reforming ourselves. No one can force us to do things, no one can take away the responsibility we owe to ourselves, and when we begin to examine our

actions, our thoughts and our emotions, we have begun to take note of our self-consciousness and of our responsibility and to understand what is meant by the moral law. These Laws given us by various teachers and founders of Religion, are not merely laid down as a means whereby eternal bliss and Paradise can be obtained. But we must harmonise ourselves with the moral and spiritual laws because these are the essence of our very being.

In Ancient Times.

It might be as well as to take the principal religions of the world, and considered and little the fundamental principles underlying those teachings, without going back into ancient times when religion was largely the result of fear and self-preservation when man finding his desire to live and to live richly and abundantly hindered by what seemed to him blind forces and material needs. Then he looked around for help. First he sought to find them in natural objects and that stage was called Animism to stocks and stones, to the rolling thunder to the all powerful Sun and the silent stars he called for help, and sometimes he thought help came. Nature worship was followed by what has been called Polytheism, which is an extension of Animism, attributing a personality to the spirits of natural objects. If the Great Stone of the Temple seemed to give help, then it must be due to the spirit inhabiting the place, so the spirit was given a name and became a godhead. Other gods were formed, also goddesses and conflict arose as to which one should be supreme—Jupiter in one country, Yahweh in another. To these gods men cried in time of trouble, and rich offerings were made to solicit their help. Gods became jealous. Moses heard Yahweh say "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Children were slaughtered. Men and women were captured and killed in order to appease a jealous and angry God. Gradually this became transformed into a God of Justice of truth and finally of Love and Beauty.

Religion Like the Individual.

Man's god had grown with man himself. We might easily say Religion has been like the individual in the dark. At first the child is afraid of the dark. But as he grows older he becomes less afraid not so much because the darkness is not there, but because now he can take a light and put into the corners. We now recognise that a blind faith is not so high a religion as a seeing faith. Some call it evolution and others call it God. And now we are beginning to realise, that all these powers that men were in the habit of calling up for help existed within himself. The transcendent God of Heaven has become the imminent God in Man.

"Man Know Thyself."

Socrates advised men to know themselves, but how far have we advanced? Religion is changing with the times. Developments are taking place so rapidly that we hardly note the change. Not long ago one would not dare to investigate the laws as laid down by the church. Now they are freely discussed and even changed to suit conditions. All forms of religion as we know them are an attempt by some one to harmonise his conception of life with that of some school of thought already in existence. If we analyse present-day

CHINA AND LEAGUE'S RESOLUTION.

Regarded As Quite Unsatisfactory.

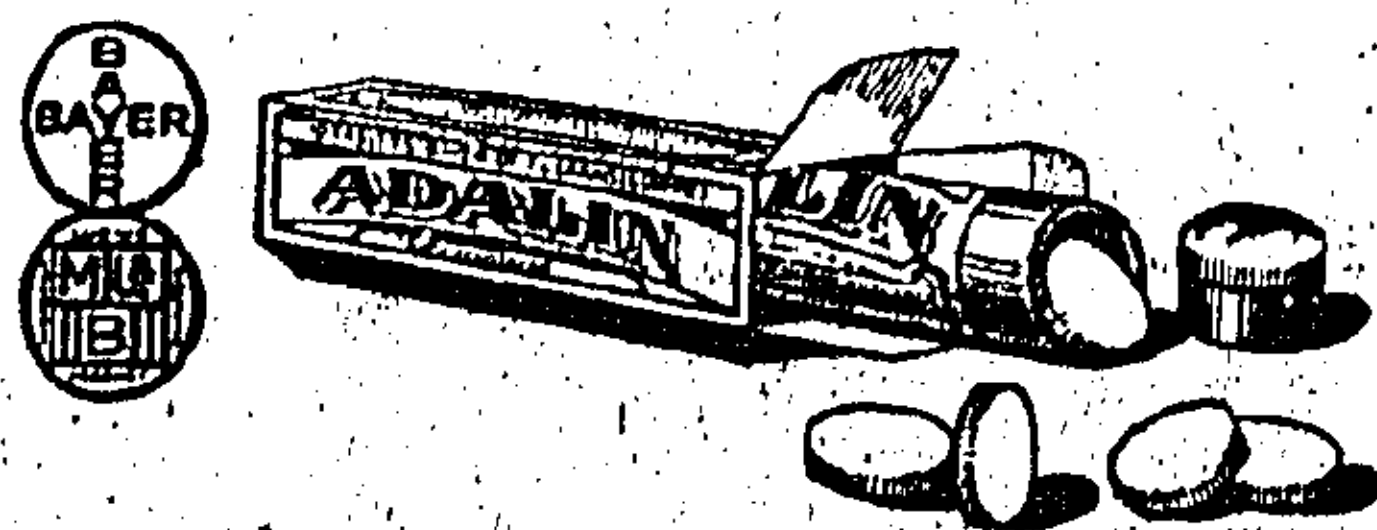
WHY ACCEPTED.

Nanking, Yesterday.
It is frankly admitted in Chinese official and public circles that the League's resolution is quite unsatisfactory to China, but the National Government accepted it, firstly, to prove its sincerity to adhere to its originally declared intention to abide by the League's decision, trusting in the League's ability to arrive at a just and satisfactory solution of the problem; secondly, because the Government leaders are convinced that it was the only alternative to war against Japan, for which China is not in a fit state; furthermore well-formed persons feel that a Japanese victory would be most unlikely as large expenditure was involved by Japan in her recent operations. The huge drop in her exports to China and the probable necessity of permanently increasing the Japanese forces in Manchuria to meet a potential Russian menace may prove the last straws in the collapse of her already overburdened finances.—Reuter.

Christianity we can see the extensive borrowings from former beliefs; and much of it the survival of primitive forms of religion. The term superstition is often applied to many religious practices, and the dictionary definition of superstition gives it as irrational belief, or belief not based on reasonable grounds, but no belief appears unreasonable to the one who holds it; no one admits believing a superstition. It is always the other person who is superstitious.

The idea of Religion without God is not to be considered, not even tolerated by Christians, Jews, and Mohammedans. Yet Buddha and Confucius long ago founded non-theistic religions. Confucius we might claim to be the first Humanist. He urged men not to depend on supernatural beings for their progress but to practise self-culture. He was constantly urging men to extend their knowledge of the world and of themselves and to follow the Golden Rule which was taught twenty-four centuries ago. "What you do not want done to yourself do not do to others," and about one hundred years after the death of Confucius, a second sage, Mencius, was born. He was more democratic than Confucius. He anticipated modern social doctrine when he asserted that it was impossible for starving people to be good people. First satisfy the people's hunger, then they will educate themselves. "Behold," says the Psalmist, how lovely and sublime it is for brethren to dwell together: "To-day men are getting away from the old idea of proclaiming my God and your God, my Prophet and your Prophet, my Religion and your Religion, and coming to recognise Divine humanity and Universal Brotherhood, and the necessity of co-operation. To worship God by one's own creed is great; to worship him by all the creeds harmonised in one sublime chorus is greater still.

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